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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for IIM on Political and  
Economic Trends in the Caribbean

## I. Introduction

Caribbean politics in recent years have been characterized by the same nationalism and assertiveness that have prevailed throughout much of the underdeveloped world. A troubled future for the area seems inevitable because socio-political and economic problems are mounting. At a time when the various governments are trying to eliminate the last vestiges of colonialism, they find themselves more dependent than ever on foreigners.

## II. Trends

- A. What are the economic trends at work in the region?
- B. What are the social and political trends and what are the prospects for stability?

## III. US Relations

- A. How will changing relations with the Caribbean nations impact on the flow of critical materials to the US?
- B. Will the US be able to retain its military facilities in the area?

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#### IV Regional Influences

- A. How will regionalism and nationalism affect the region's relations with the rest of the world?
- B. What influence will Cuba, <sup>Mexico</sup> Venezuela, the United Kingdom and other countries have on the region?

#### V. Outlook